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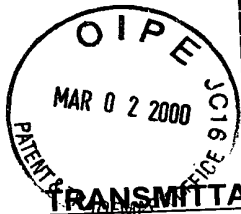
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TO HIV

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Information Disclosure Statement of J. R. Hackett, Jr. et al. for NOVEL ANTIGEN CONSTRUCTS USEFUL IN THE DETECTION AND DIFFERENTIATION OF ANTIBODIES TO HIV.

Also enclosed are:

1. Form PTO - 1449 (one (1) page) in duplicate
2. Copy of seventeen (17) Cited References
3. Copy of International Search Report
4. One (1) Return-Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 concerning this transaction, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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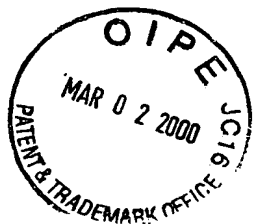
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this statement is being submitted to disclose information relating to the above-identified application. The references are listed on USPTO Form 1449, a copy of which is attached. Copies of the references listed on USPTO Form 1449 are also attached.

The references submitted herewith were cited in an International Search Report dated January 26, 2000 issued in connection with International Application No. PCT/US98/17014. A copy of the Search Report is attached hereto.

Applicants request that the Examiner make these references of record and indicate his/her consideration of the same by initialing one of the PTO 1449 forms enclosed and returning it to the undersigned.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of the application, it is believed that, under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fee is due in connection herewith.

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